



**Arizona Central West
Zone Incident
Management Team**

**February Fire
NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release:
Saturday, February 11, 2006 10:00 a.m.

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Acres: 2,475 acres	Start date: Monday, February 6, 2005
Cause: Human, abandoned campfire, under investigation	
Location: 12 miles north of Payson, AZ, approx. 90 miles northeast of Phoenix, AZ	
Containment: 30 percent	Fuels: Chaparral, pine and juniper
Terrain: Rough, broken, steep terrain	Cost: Undetermined
Total personnel: 401	Crews: 10 crews
Equipment: 19 engines, 8 dozers, 10 water tenders	
Available air support: Six helicopters, two air tankers	

Continuing to take advantage of the moderate weather, firefighters reinforced the line around the February Fire and conducted several burn-out operations yesterday. West winds helped with black lining operations and pushed the fire back onto itself. Based on current weather forecasts, firefighters plan to conduct holding operations today. If winds are more moderate than predicted, black lining and burn-outs may continue.

Planning continues for aerial ignition of the interior of the fire on Sunday or Monday. The intent is to quickly burn the underbrush with a low-intensity fire. This action will generate significant amounts of smoke, but it will all be within the lines.

The Control Road (FR 64) remains closed between the Geronimo Estates Roads (FR 458) and the Washington Park Road (FR 32). Local residents will have access to their properties. To protect those traveling and working along the Control Road, the speed limit is 20 mph .

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